

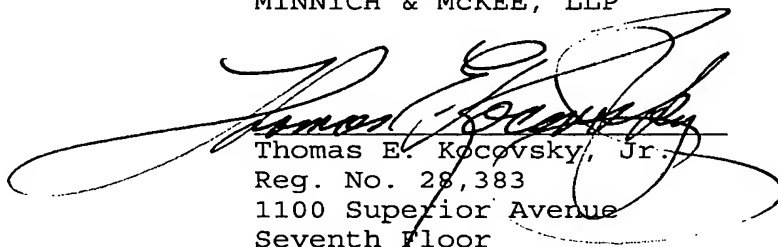
REMARKS

This amendment amends the claims as originally filed to parallel the allowed claims of the parent application. However, unlike the parent application in which the claims reference a vacuum pump, the present application is directed to a reciprocating piston drive mechanism, or in some cases a pump (but not necessarily a vacuum pump).

An early allowance of claims 2-28 (all claims) is requested.

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